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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION OF GA DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. DURING 28TH GA EIGHTY-SEVEN NATIONS SPONSORED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA DEVOTED SOLELY TO DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION JUST BEFORE THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION. WHILE MANY STATES INITIALLY REJECTED THE IDEA, THE STRONG, POSITIVE INITIATIVE BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED MODIFICATION IN AIMS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE. RESULTANT DOCUMENT, PASSED BY CONSENSUS, IS REGARDED BY MANY AS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE ACTIONS OF THE GA, SINCE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

2. AT OUTSET, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THIS SESSION IS NOT RPT NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IDS SLATED FOR 1975.

3. THE MORE SOPHISTICATED OF THE G-77 HAVE MISSED NO OPPORTUNITY TO TRUMPET THE THEMES OF ECONOMIC INTER-

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DEPENDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THEY ALREADY BELIEVE THAT THE MID-TERM REVIEW WILL NOT CONFER

SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING AID VOLUME TARGETS, MORE FAVORABLE TERMS OF TRADE (GSP, THE LINK, COMMODITY AGREEMENTS), AND FULL CONSULTATION ON MONETARY POLICY. MOREOVER, UNCTAD III, THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, AND REPEATED EXHORTATIONS IN THE GA ITSELF DO NOT APPEAR TO GET THEIR MESSAGE THROUGH TO DONOR GOVERNMENTS. THEREFORE, THIS SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA IS HERALDED AS AN OCCASION, AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE GENERAL STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

4. THE SESSION WOULD HAVE TWO PRINCIPLE GOALS:
(A) A THOROUGHGOING REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AFFECTING THE EVOLUTION OF A SYSTEM OF WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND (B) A SERIOUS IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE UN SYSTEM WHICH MANY REGARD AS REQUIRING FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES IF ITS RELEVANCY TO GLOBAL PROGRESS IS TO BE SUSTAINED AS ENVISIONED IN THE UN CHARTER.
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